



National Collegiate Taekwondo Association

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Fall/Winter 2019/2020 NCTA Meeting Minutes

Jan 9, 2020

1. Meeting Opening and Roll Call

The following schools were represented via telecon:

American University
Brown University
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Princeton University
Stanford University
University of California, Berkeley
University of California, Los Angeles
University of California, San Diego
University of Texas, Austin
University of Vermont
University of Washington

The following officers were present:

Dan Chuang, President
Rex Hatfield, Senior Vice President
Sung Kim, Vice President
Sophia Chung, Secretary General
Miyako Yerick, Treasurer General
Sherri LaShomb, Medical Advisor
Jamie Shulte, Referee Co-Chair
Tara Sarathi, Tournament Committee Chair

2. President's Remarks

President Chuang welcomed everyone and thanked them for making time out of their schedules.

Old Business



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3. Review of Spring 2019 Meeting Minutes (SG Chung)

Dr. Ahn stepped down after 8 years as president, and he felt like he ended on a high note with the University Games.

VP Sung Kim noted that the 2020 Summer World University Games team had a strong performance (1 gold, 1 silver, 1 bronze) with great teamwork between the staff. There were some athlete housing restrictions and transportation but the team prospered regardless.

4. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer General Miyako Yerick reported that we were able to transition and reconcile accounts to new treasurer. There were some unexpected tax expenses, so account balances are lower than expected but are confident that we will be able to move forwards.

New Business

5. 2020 NCTA Championships update

The location of the 2020 NCTA Championships will be at the University of California Berkeley in the Field House. Gen 2 chest protectors will be used for all divisions.

Proposal for this year: Separate High School division between 15-17 and 18-19 to get ranking points for athletes, with the understanding that the sanction value was not the same. Tabled for more research and discussion.

6. 2020 FISU America Games (Yucatan, Mexico) Discussion

FISU American Games is the collegiate version of the Pan Am Games. Like the World University Taekwondo Festival, this is not a G rated event for either sparring or poomsae, but is a multi-sport event. Will be in Merida, Mexico. May 31 – June 10. Will compete with all 8 weight divisions. We may not select all 8—based on funding and how many athletes we have.

President Chuang: After considering everything, this may be a good event for our athletes to get on a team. Team Trials in conjunction with NCTA – separate from collegiate. It is a good stepping stone event, a great collegiate event that might not necessarily be at the high caliber at other international events, but still a great opportunity for experience.



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Sparring Team Trials on Friday and NCTA sparring will be on Sunday as planned. Recognize it's not ideal but given the short time of planning, holding a separate team trials is a little too challenging and we want to conserve funds for national team athletes.

Seems like a great opportunity and event for athletes. Hopefully won't be too expensive. Some schools will still be in finals in that time frame but with interest, hopefully they will be able to work with their schools.

7. Last year's NCTA Review (Tournament Committee Chair Tara Sarathi)

- 471 athletes participated over 78 schools
- Red belt sparring was moved from Sat to Sun
- Gen 2 e-socks were allowed
- Held separate sparring team trials event at TX states, poomsae was in conjunction with NCTA

8. World University Games Recap

VP Sung Kim: Some great bonding at that event. Coaches were responsive to the athletes' needs.

SVP Rex Hatfield: First ever female individual gold for poomsae and team sparring medal of any color for Team USA ever at any team sparring event.

VP Sung Kim: Meals were good, housing was adequate. All the athletes and staff had a positive experience. The athletes were great, good communication, logistics were done well. Transportation was a challenge but worked through it. Not much to add, great opportunity for athletes and the staff did well. Lots of team bonding—well behaved and it showed up in their performance.

7. Sponsorship Updates

VP Sung Kim: Great product and lots of business that want to partner with us. AAMA – main sponsor. Other sponsor have been lined up including Taekwondo Life Magazine, more details to follow. We are pushing hard and looking for more opportunities. If anyone has a lead on any sponsorship, we can pass along the sponsorship forms. In addition, really pushing NCTA and social media, so please reciprocate and comment, spread the word to help with NCTA exposure.

President Chuang: Want to commend your energy and leadership in this aspect. We are well positioned to support our teams, not just through the normal means, but through these new sponsorships.

8. Future NCTA Regional Events



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President Chuang: Hope we form more regional leagues, but more focused on making this year's National Championships one of the biggest tournaments. Hope to push it to 600-700 athletes. West Coast is usually in the 400 range. Trying to push this more, hopefully having the chance to compete to be on a collegiate team will help with this.

9. Open discussion

President Chuang: Really want to see higher numbers at these championships. I know it can be challenging to send a full team. I hear about the funding challenge but hopefully we can share fundraising ideas to help each other out to get our teams out there. Looking forward to having this event

President Chuang: any other updates on regional leagues? ECTC is going strong 400-450 athletes at our tournaments.

VP Faiferlick: Midwest Championships held in Nov. around 100 which is typical.

Coach Ghormley: Pacwest – UC Davis has a date, So Cal has a date for matches. Looking for a third date before NCTA so on track to having a season.

Coach Yerick: ACAT - Mid Atlantic region, UNC in Nov, had a big draw, had a league training, another spring tournaments at Duke and Virginia Tech

10. Meeting Adjournment